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[Full-text transcription of: Petition from certain Mormons of DeWitt, MO to Governor Boggs, Jefferson City, MO]

Mormons to Govr copied Sept 22 1838 [Truly Coping]

> Dewitt County of Carroll and State of Missouri 22nd. Sept. 1838 To his excellency Lilburn W. Boggs, Governor

Of the State of Missouri Mi &c

Your Petitionerz, citizenz of the County of Carroll, do hereby petition your Excellency praying for relief. That whereas your petitionerz have on the 20th inst. been sorely aggrieved by being beset by a lawlesz mob certain inhabitants of this and other count: :tiez to the injury of the good citizenz of this and the adjacent places, that on the afore said day came from one hundred to one hundred and fifty armed men & threatened with force & violence to drive certain peaceable citizenz from their homez in defiance of all law & threatened them to drive said citizenz out of the county.

but on deliberation concluded to give them said citizenz til the first of October next to leave said County, & threatened if not gone by that time to exterminate them without regard to age or sex and destroy their chattels, by throw: :ing them in the river- We therefore pray you to take such stepz as shall put a stop to all lawlesz proceedingz- and we your petitionerz will ever pray xc

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Benjm Kendrick John Thorp

Dudly Thomas H. T. Chipmon

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John Tilfard Nathan Stinon

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Daniel H. Barnes
Wm. S. Smith
James Hampton
Robert Hampton
Jonathan Hampton
George Peacock
Daniel Clark
John Proctor
James M. Ginn
Smith Humphrey

John Clark

Daniel Thomas (no Mormon)